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### Health Committee.

The Worshipful the Mayor : Alderman JOHN SPENCER BINNS, J.P.  
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor E. HUTCHINSON.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor F. BAXANDALL.

Alderman M. CARROLL.

Alderman E. WHALLEY, J.P.

Councillor F. DICKINSON.

Councillor J. PROCTER.

Councillor O. SMITH.

Councillor W. SMITH, J.P. (E.)

Councillor J. W. WARDLE.

### Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

The Worshipful the Mayor : Alderman JOHN SPENCER BINNS, J.P.  
(ex-officio).

Chairman : Councillor J. W. WARDLE.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor J. PROCTER.

Members of the Health Committee, together with four Co-opted  
Members

<p>LADY HAGGAS, J.P. Mrs. H. S. CLOUGH Mrs. J. GROVES Mrs. E. WHALLEY</p>	}	Co-opted Members.
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**Staff.**

Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer :

H. MAINWARING HOLT, Esq., T.D., M.B., B.S., (Lond.),  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Leeds).

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School  
Medical Officer :

Miss ISABEL MARGARET MARSHALL, M.B., Ch.B.

Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Medical Officer for  
Maternity and Child Welfare :

Mrs. FLORENCE MURIEL LOUISE HOLT, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Ante and Post Natal Consultant :

Mrs. R. H. B. ADAMSON, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

Mr. THOMAS LINDSAY, M.S.I.A.††§¶

Director of Cleansing :

Mr. C. ROBINSON, M.Inst.P.C.

District Sanitary Inspectors :

Mr. BAILEY THORNTON, M.S.I.A.\*†

Mr. WILLIAM ASA BAILEY, M.S.I.A.\*†

Mr. BERT CLEAR, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.\*†§ +

Mr. ARTHUR HOWARD, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I., A.I.S.E. ††§ +

Mr. JOHN WILSON, M.S.I.A., M.R.San.I.††§

Health Visitors :

Miss D. S. McCONVILLE.

Miss M. SHIPLEY (Part-time).

Miss I. FELL (Part-time).

Miss C. JONES.

Miss H. A. S. JOHNSTONE (Resigned 5/8/45).

Mrs. J. D. KERSHAW (Appointed 13/8/45; Resigned 30/9/45).

Miss R. E. HIRD (Appointed 1/10/45).

Scabies Nurse :

Mrs. H. ROE.

Chief Clerk :

Miss L. MARY TERRY (Resigned 31/10/45).

Mrs. MARIE MITCHELL (Acting from 1/11/45).

## Clerks :

Mrs. MARIE MITCHELL.

Mr. ALLAN CROWTHER (Serving with H.M. Forces).

Miss MARY COTTERILL (Part-time). (Serving with H.M. Forces).

Miss MURIEL LEIGHTON (Serving with H.M. Forces).

Miss BETTIE GORDON.

Miss MURIEL McDOWELL.

Miss JEAN E. DAVY.

Miss M. C. RHODES.

Miss MARGARET J. TEBB.

Mrs. M. A. SMITH (Part-time). (Resigned 16/2/45).

Miss EDITH J. SMITH (Appointed 26/2/45).

Mr. J. R. SUNDERLAND (Cleansing Department).

\*Certificate of the R.San.I. for Sanitary Inspectors.

†Certificate of the R.San.I. and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.

‡Certificate of the R.San.I. for Meat and Other Foods Inspection.

§Certificate of the R.San.I. for Smoke Inspectors.

¶Certificates of Liverpool University for Sanitary Science and Fuel Economy.

+ Certificate of City and Guilds London Institute for Boiler House Practice.

**Staff at "Woodbine" Day Nursery.**

## Matron :

Miss H. EMPEY.

## Sister :

Miss A. V. C. SCOTT (Resigned 20/10/45).

## Staff Nurse :

Miss J. M. CLARKSON.

Four Nursery Assistants and Two Probationers.

Cook.

Housemaid.

Handyman.

**Staff at Victoria Park Day Nursery.**

## Matron :

Mrs. K. WATERHOUSE.

## Deputy Matron :

Miss F. GREENSMITH (Resigned 6/5/45).

Mrs. K. PAGET (Appointed 23/4/45; Resigned 12/7/45).

Mrs. M. T. TONER (Appointed 16/7/45; Transferred 30/9/45).

Mrs. J. D. KERSHAW (Appointed 1/10/45).

Four Nursery Assistants and One Probationer. Cook. Caretaker.

**Staff at Strong Close Day Nursery.**

## Matron :

Miss J. SLINGSBY (Resigned 30/9/45).

Mrs. M. T. TONER (Appointed 1/10/45).

## Deputy Matron :

Miss M. SENIOR.

Four Nursery Assistants and Two Probationers. Cook. Caretaker.

## BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my sixteenth Annual Report on the work of the Health Services of the Borough for the year 1945.

Tragic stories relating to overcrowding and insanitary housing conditions continue to reach the Department, with little prospect of anything being done to meet their amelioration. In the circumstances, it would seem that a much simpler standard of temporary rehousing could be of far greater practical value.

The Home Help and Domestic Help Schemes have failed. It has proved impossible to recruit personnel for this particular type of employment. The demand for such services is spasmodic; nevertheless, the Department has been able to provide assistance when called upon, generally through unofficial channels.

An additional Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic was opened during the year at the Methodist Sunday School, Oxenhope, thus providing facilities in a district hitherto inaccessible to the ministrations of the Department. It has met a long felt want, and the attendances fully justify the project.

During the year the Department continued a scheme of immunisation against Whooping Cough in addition to that normally undertaken against Diphtheria; 700 cases were so treated. It is hoped that the results may provide some contribution to the field work being undertaken in this important sphere of preventive medicine.

The incidence of Scabies has again shown a substantial decrease, though constant vigilance and treatment facilities are as important as ever. I am grateful to the local medical men for their co-operation in this connection.

With the exception of Measles, the area was again remarkably free of infectious disease. In the vast majority of cases, measles is acquired by personal contact with someone suffering from the disease during its early stage, in the school, in the home or in the

street. It is of the utmost importance to isolate children during this stage and summon medical aid.

The Department is glad to be rid of its responsibilities in connection with Communal Feeding and Air Raid Precautions in order to give greater concentration to the normal problems bearing on the health and welfare of the people.

I have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient Servant,

H. M. HOLT,

Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department,

Lowfield House,

Town Hall Square,

Keighley.



## **BOROUGH OF KEIGHLEY.**

### **A.—NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.**

The population according to the Registrar's Estimate for 1945 is 52,450.

The estimated number of inhabited houses is 18,402. The rateable value is £373,539, and the sum represented by a Penny Rate gross, £1,435.

### **PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIES.**

The average number of persons registered as unemployed during the year was 99, and in Haworth 2, as compared with 65 and 3 respectively for the year 1944.

### **VITAL STATISTICS.**

**Births.** The total number of births registered was 845, 30 of these being still-births. The Birth Rate is 16.11.

**Deaths.** The Deaths registered for the year are 769. The Death Rate is 14.66.

### **STREET ACCIDENTS.**

There was 1 fatal road accident during the year.

### **INFANT MORTALITY.**

The number of infants dying under one year of age is 47. The Infant Mortality Rate is 55.62 per 1,000 births registered.

### **MATERNAL MORTALITY.**

The number of women dying directly as a result of child-birth is 1. The Maternal Mortality Rate is 1.18.

### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.**

The natural increase or decrease per 1,000 of the population is plus 1.45.

Poor Relief administered amounted to £11,071.

## B.—GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

### 1.—HOSPITALS PROVIDED.

The Hospital Services remain the same.

**Fever Hospitals.**—The following cases were admitted to the Keighley, Bingley and Shipley Joint Hospital at Morton Banks.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	53
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	42
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	8
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	4
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	4
Malaria	...	...	...	...	2
Mumps	...	...	...	...	3
Paratyphoid Fever	...	...	...	...	1
Measles	...	...	...	...	5
Pemphigus	...	...	...	...	1
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	1
					—
Total				...	124
					—

**Smallpox Hospitals.**—Accommodation is the same.

**Tuberculosis Sanatoria.**—Facilities remain the same.

**Maternity Hospitals.**—The number of confinements in the County Hospital was 335.

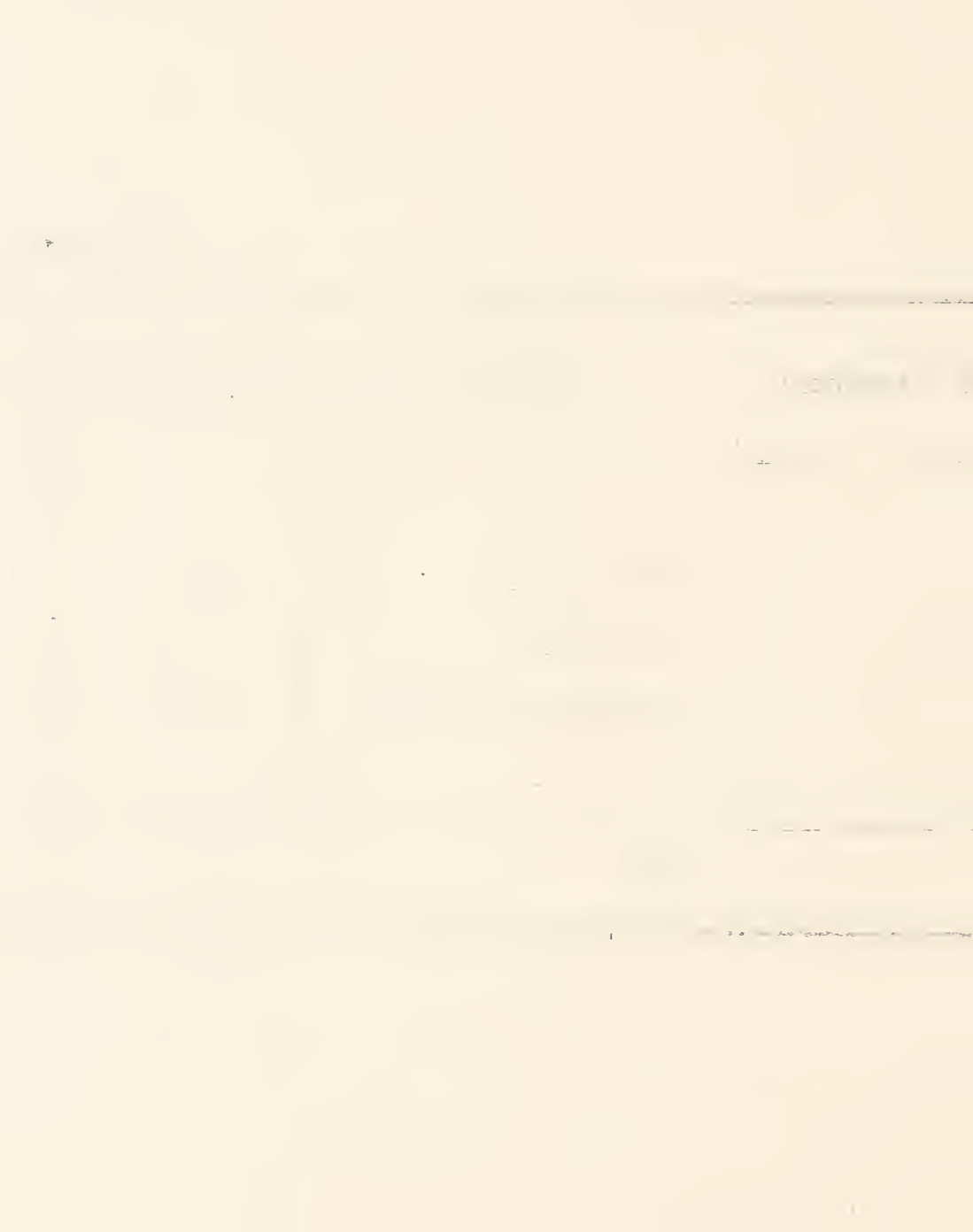
**Children's Hospitals.**—Facilities are the same.

### 2.—AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The arrangements, as outlined in my Report for 1944, have continued satisfactorily throughout the year, the ambulance having been called out on 141 occasions for use in accidents.

Table of Results of Treatment for Scabies in the Borough during 1945.

Method of Treatment.	No. of Individual Cases Treated.	No. of Contacts Treated.	No. of Cases Cured.	No. under observation, 31.12.45	No. Re-infected.		No. requiring more than one course of Treatment.	Left the District.	Evacuees.	No. of failures with B.B. Cream
					Contacts not Treated.	Fresh exposure to infection.				
Proscabin	28 Men	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	84 Women	0	84	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
B.B. Cream	47 Infants	0	47	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Proscabin	170 School Children	44	211	2	0	29	5	7	11	0
	329	44	370	2	0	29	10	7	11	0





### 3.—CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

**School Clinics.**—See Annual Report of School Medical Officer.

**Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.**—One additional Clinic opened during the year.

**Orthopædic Clinic, Ophthalmic Clinic and Ultra Violet Clinic.**—See Annual Report for 1938.

**Dental Clinic.**—No important change has been made in the services available.

**Scabies Clinic.**—Special facilities are in operation for the treatment of Scabies; during the year 329 cases were treated; a table of the results of treatment is included in this Report.

#### Details of Dental Treatment of Maternity and Child Welfare Patients.

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	103
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	19

#### Dental Treatment of Toddlers.

Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

**Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases Clinic.**—See Annual Report of the County Medical Officer.

**Home Helps.**—It has not been possible to maintain a panel of 3 Home Helps, and at the end of the year only one woman was so employed. In view of the difficulties experienced in recruiting suitable women for this service, it was not possible to proceed with the Domestic Help Scheme.

**Ante and Post-Natal Consultant.**—1 case attended the consultant in Leeds during 1945.

**Mothercraft Classes.**—None held owing to inability to obtain a lecturer.

### 4 and 5.—PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND MIDWIVES.

Details of these services are the same.

### 6.—INSTITUTIONAL MIDWIFERY.

Facilities are the same.

## 7.—LABORATORY WORK.

371 specimens from Hospitals and general practitioners and 409 from the Public Health Department have been submitted to the West Riding County Council for bacteriological examination.

173 samples of water have been submitted by the Waterworks Engineer for bacteriological examination.

## RAINFALL.

The total annual rainfall as measured in the gauge situated at the Public Abattoir is as follows :

January	...	...	...	...	3.43 inches
February	...	...	...	...	3.88 „
March	...	...	...	...	1.16 „
April	...	...	...	...	2.13 „
May	...	...	...	...	3.84 „
June	...	...	...	...	3.23 „
July	...	...	...	...	2.24 „
August	...	...	...	...	4.45 „
September	...	...	...	...	1.92 „
October	...	...	...	...	5.24 „
November	...	...	...	...	0.41 „
December	...	...	...	...	1.82 „
					—
Total					33.75 „
					—

## 8.—PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

See front page.

## 9.—SCHOOLS.

See separate report on School Medical Services.

# C.—PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

## 1.—NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

233 visits of investigation were paid and 207 for the purpose of disinfection.

No cases of Smallpox were notified.

(a) **Measles.**—The number of cases notified was 910. No deaths were registered.

(b) **Whooping Cough.**—The number of cases notified were 87. There were no deaths.

(c) **Scarlet Fever.**—The number of cases notified was 56. No deaths were registered. 94.6% of the notified cases were removed to hospital.

(d) **Diphtheria.**—The number of cases notified was 44, 42 of which were removed to Hospital. One death occurred.

(e) **Cerebro-Spinal Fever.**—4 cases were notified, all of which were removed to Hospital. One death was registered.

(f) **Para-Typhoid Fever.**—One case was notified and was removed to Hospital.

(g) **Zymotic Enteritis (Summer Diarrhœa).**—No cases came to the notice of the Department.

(h) **Ophthalmia Neonatorum.**—No cases were brought to the notice of the Department.

(i) **Puerperal Pyrexia.**—3 cases were notified. There were no deaths.

(j) **Acute Primary or Influenzal Pneumonia.**—14 cases were notified. The deaths registered numbered 27.

(k) **Tuberculosis.**—32 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified, Non-Pulmonary cases notified being 8. 27 Pulmonary and 3 Non-Pulmonary deaths were registered.

(l) **Influenza.**—There was 1 death certified from this disease.

(m) **Erysipelas.**—The number of cases notified was 5. There were no deaths.

(n) **Dysentery.**—The number of cases notified was 2. There were no deaths.

(o) **Malaria (contracted abroad).**—2 cases were notified.

## 2.—CANCER—MALIGNANT DISEASE.

The number of deaths registered was 100. The number of cancer patients admitted from Keighley Victoria Hospital to the Radium Therapy Department of the Bradford Royal Infirmary totalled 70, and the total number of days' stay amounted to 1,022. Similar arrangements exist for treatment as shown previously.



## D.—MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

### 1.—ADMINISTRATION.

An additional Clinic, held in the Methodist Sunday School, Oxenhope, was opened on the 18th October, 1945, and its fortnightly sessions, held alternately with Oakworth Clinic, have proved very popular.

The only other alteration in clinic facilities was the transference of the Oakworth Clinic to new premises in the Oakworth Methodist Sunday School, as from the 3rd July, 1945.

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#### Notification of Births.

Number occurring during the year, 845. Of these 78 were illegitimate and 30 were still-births. 538 of these occurred in maternity homes or institutions.

### 2.—SUMMARY OF VISITS PAID BY HEALTH VISITORS.

The total number of visits was 15,123.

#### Welfare Centres.

With the opening of the Oxenhope Clinic, weekly sessions of the Oakworth Clinic have been reduced to fortnightly sessions, alternate with the new Clinic.

The days and times of clinic sessions are otherwise unchanged.  
Total number on registers at end of year :—

Babies	...	...	...	...	...	1593
Ante-Natal	...	...	...	...	...	810
Post-Natal	...	...	...	...	...	47
Toddlers	...	...	...	...	...	161

The following summary shows the work done :—

	Baby	Baby	A.N.	P.N.	
	Attendances.	Weigh'gs.	Mothers.	Mothers.	Toddlers.
Victoria Park ...	4456	4383	999	41	268
Westgate { (Th.)	2565	2409	1279	10	98
(Fri.)	2264	2252			
Haworth ...	2219	2121	388	2	—
Morton ...	1384	1376	—	2	—
Oakworth ...	717	689	99	2	—
Oxenhope					
(from 18/10/45)	109	107	29	—	—



The number of infant consultations held by the medical officers in charge of the various centres was 6,139. The total number of Toddlers on the registers is similar to last year.

47 children were treated by artificial sunlight. Minor ailments treated were 46 and onthopædic cases treated were 54.

The number of mothers referred from the Ante-Natal Clinics for dental treatment was 19. The number of cases referred from Toddlers' Clinics for dental treatment was 14.

The Postural Clinic continues on similar lines. Details of Maternity and Child Welfare cases examined by the Visiting Orthopædic Surgeon are given below.

Defect			Number of Patients	Attendances	For Hospital	For Appliances	For Remedial Exercises	For Observation	Discharged
<b>Old Cases :—</b>									
Talipes varus	...	...	2	4	—	—	4	4	—
Erb's paralysis	...	...	1	1	—	—	1	—	1
Scoliosis	...	...	1	2	—	—	1	2	—
Total	...	...	4	7	—	—	6	6	1
<b>New Cases :—</b>									
Congenital Short Neck	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	1	—
Congenital dislocation of hip	...	...	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
Scoliosis	...	...	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
Spina Bifida	...	...	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
Total	...	...	4	4	1	—	2	3	—

### Infant Life Protection.

4 cases came to notice during the year. 10 cases were already under supervision from the previous year. 32 visits were made.

### Adoption of Children (Regulation) Act, 1939.

(a) Total number of persons who gave notice under  
Section 7(3) during the year ... .. 7

- (b) Total number of children in respect of whom notice was given under Section 7(3) during the year ... .. 7
- (c) Number of children :—
- (i) Under supervision at the end of the year ... .. 13
- (ii) Who died during the year ... .. —
- (iii) On whom inquests were held during the year ... .. —
- (d) Particulars of any proceedings taken during the year ... .. —

### 3.—MILK DISTRIBUTION.

The cost of dried milk distribution through the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics was £1,590, the whole of this being recovered free of rate aid.

### 4.—WAR-TIME NURSERIES.

		No. of days Nursery open during year.	Average daily attendances	
			0—2 years	2—5 years
“Woodbine”	...	293	14	14
Victoria Park	...	293	11	19
Strong Close	...	293	14	13

### 5.—KEIGHLEY INFANTS' AID SOCIETY.

This Society still continues to readily co-operate with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee, even though working under considerable handicaps.

## F.—SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA. WATER.

The Borough Waterworks Undertaking is described in the Annual Report for 1938.

The Water Engineer has kindly supplied the following information :—

Average daily consumption of water per head of population within the Borough for the year 1945 for all purposes—  
38.3 gallons per day; for domestic and unmeasured purposes  
26.4 gallons per day.

173 samples of water have been bacteriologically examined and the quality of the filtered and treated water has been satisfactory. There were 18 chemical examinations.

340 yards of 3in. main have been renewed for Stanbury water supply.

72 yards of 4in. and 3in. mains have been laid in connection with Staveley Road and Stanley Road.

350 yards of 1½in. main have been laid from Alma Terrace, Morton, to Carr Lane, to supply properties in the Bingley area.

Close co-operation between the two Departments continues in the matter of water supplies.

There are still numerous private water supplies, particularly in connection with farm premises, which have been frequently sampled in the past. Users are advised as to necessary precautions where the index of pollution indicated this as desirable. Such premises are outside the present economic possibility of having a suitable alternative wholesome supply laid on from the town's mains.

During the year nine such samples were taken, four of which were found to be satisfactory, and five unsatisfactory.

Extension of town's supply to outlying districts such as News-holme, Goose Eye, Stanbury and Upper Marsh, Oxenhope, where comparatively small groups of dwellings are served by private supplies, still stands deferred due to the shortage of man-power and material and the veto by the Ministry of Health on such works until they are approved by that Authority.

### **RIVERS AND STREAMS.**

There has been no evidence of river or stream pollution brought to the attention of the Department during the year.

### **SWIMMING BATHS.**

There are no privately owned swimming pools in the district, but the Corporation own two swimming baths of the first and second class types, which are described in the 1938 Report.

### **DRAINAGE, SEWERAGE, AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.**

The five sewage disposal works are fully described in the Annual Report for 1938.

3347 Lin. yards of new sewers, the greater part of it in connection with the Bracken Bank Housing Site, have been laid during the year.

### **SANITARY CONVENIENCES AND REFUSE ACCOMMODATION.**

No. of Water Closets in premises, including houses	18,426
No. of Waste Water	do. do. ... 2,183
*No. of Pail or Tub Closets	do. do. ... 65
No. of Privies (at farms where no sewer and/or water supply is reasonably available)	... 203

\*Not including Air-Raid Shelters.



104 inspections were made regarding sanitary and refuse accommodation, in connection with which the following improvements were effected :—

1 privy abolished.

20 closets, other than privies, reconstructed as W.C's.

59 additional W.C's. and 2 other types provided.

85 W.C's. repaired or renewed.

419 premises were provided with regulation dust-bins in lieu of unsatisfactory refuse receptacles.

### SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Total number of premises dealt with ...	...	3,366
Total inspections for nuisances—Dwellings ...	...	1,539
Others ...	...	1,118
Total nuisances found ...	...	1,066
Number abated ...	...	817
Inspections and re-visits for other Statutory Purposes—Inspections ...	...	5,847
—Re-visits ...	...	3,733
Number of Sanitary Improvements effected at premises controlled by Public Health and other Legislation . ...	...	1,535
Number of interviews ...	...	2,186

### NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH.

	Notices Served.		Notices Complied with (including matters brought forward from 1944).	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
Public Health Acts ...	357	43	268	56
Housing Acts ...	11	14	3	11
Factories Act ...	6	—	9	1
Milk and Dairies Order ...	—	—	3	—
Food and Drugs Act ...	—	—	1	—
Shops Act ...	1	—	—	—
Rats and Mice (Destr.) Act ...	19	5	29	5
Defence Regulations ...	—	9	—	—



## HOUSING.

### 1.—GENERAL CONDITIONS.

(a) Total Number of Houses in Borough ... ..	18,402
(b) Number of working-class houses included in above ...	16,470
(c) Number of new houses built in 1945 ... ..	2

### 2.—OVERCROWDING.

The circumstances described in the 1941 Report have naturally progressed to a more chaotic state and no relief is anticipated from this until the Government authorise Re-housing Schemes which are, of course, under current consideration.

19 recommendations to the Housing Committee were made on the grounds of technical overcrowding following 67 investigations. One occupier was required to abate overcrowding where circumstances indicated that such overcrowding was avoidable, and legal proceedings were instituted in this case, the court granting an ejectment order. One licence has been issued for temporary overcrowding due to abnormal circumstances.

Since the operation of the Act, only 4,440 houses have been supplied with the "permitted number" by the Department.

### COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are two in the Borough, solely used by men, and they are well maintained. 2 inspections were made.

As a result of Ministry of Health advice re the danger of Louse-borne Typhus Fever, such premises are inspected to determine from the evidence available the number of inmates who are actually carrying lice on their persons. An examination of the bedding reveals this state of affairs. By arrangement with the Keeper the men are as soon as practicable transported to the Disinfestation Station for appropriate treatment to their bodies, clothing and other effects.

### Inspection of Factories.

Premises.	Number of		
	Inspections	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with Mechanical Power ... ..	393	—	—
Factories without Mechanical Power ... ..	53	—	—
Other Premises under the Act	16	—	—
	462	—	—

### Defects found in Factories.

Particulars	Number of Defects			Number of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	
Want of Cleanliness ... ..	5	6	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation ..	—	11	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences—				
Insufficient ... ..	6	4	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective ...	12	16	—	—
Not separate for sexes ...	—	11	—	—
Other Offences ... ..	3	12	—	—
Total ..	26	40	—	—

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The undermentioned samples were submitted to the Public Analyst :—

	Samples taken.	No. Adulterated or Doubtful
Milks (formal) ... ..	66	6
Milks (informal) ... ..	4	2
Other Foods (formal or informal) ...	38	1

### Adulterated Samples, etc.

No.	Article.	Whether Formal or Informal.	Nature of Adulteration of Irregularity.	Observations.
4	Milk	Formal	Contained only minimum amount of fat required.	Subject of warning letter.
5	Nerve and Indigestion Tablets	Informal	Genuine, but label does not comply with Pharmacy and Medicines Act, which requires a quantitative declaration of the ingredients.	Stocks withdrawn from market.
6	Milk	Formal	Contained 11.7% added water.	Fined £10 and costs.
7	Milk	Formal	Contained 15.4% added water.	
10	Milk	Formal	Contained only 92% minimum amount of fat required.	Subject of report to Council.
13	Milk	Formal	Contained only 94% minimum amount of fat required.	
23	Milk	Informal	23.5% added water.	Informal samples submitted by householder. Formal samples taken next day proved genuine
24	Milk	Informal	25.4% added water.	





## **SITES FOR MOVABLE DWELLINGS.**

6 sites for movable dwellings were licensed subject to the sanitary conditions being brought up to the standard specified in the licences. The sites accommodate a maximum total of 21 dwellings : of this total 4 dwellings are the subject of individual licences.

## **OUTWORKERS.**

Lists were submitted by 2 employers, showing the employment of 2 persons. In each case the premises were visited and found to be satisfactory.

## **ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION.**

Routine smoke observations have not been resumed owing to rationing of industrial fuel and the use of low-grade fuels which made a practice of successful smoke abatement impossible.

**Soot Deposit Gauges.** 12 monthly deposits collected in gauges situate at the Public Library and Morton Cemetery are as follows : 136 tons per square mile and 107 tons per square mile respectively.

Two additional gauges were established at Blackhill and Low Bridge at the beginning of April, 1945. Readings for the nine months during which they have been in operation are 91 tons and 138 tons per square mile respectively.

## **SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES.**

243 inspections were made of Food Premises.

The precautions outlined in the 1941 report are still being brought to the attention of food traders and their personnel generally.

## **BAKEHOUSES.**

There are 71 bakehouses in the district, of which 7 are basement bakehouses licensed under the Factories Act, 1937.

## **MEAT SUPPLY.**

The circumstances are still the same as reported in the 1941 Report re private slaughterhouses and centralised slaughtering.

A 100% system of meat inspection is in force, and for the purpose of this system the Inspectors were on duty at the Public Abattoir on 671 occasions and 113 special slaughtering visits were paid to farm premises for occasional licensed slaughter of pigs.

## Summary of Animals Slaughtered and Inspected at the Public Abattoir.

	Cattle (Exclud- ing Cows)	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.
Animals killed and inspected	1580	1413	1717	10687	315
<b>All Diseases except Tuberculosis :</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	—	18	31	37	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	198	282	15	2160	75
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	12.53	21.23	2.68	20.56	25.08
<b>Tuberculosis Only.</b>					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	11	110	4	—	41
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	287	602	2	—	15
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tuber- culosis ... ..	18.86	50.93	0.35	—	5.08

## Number of Animals Killed and Weight in lbs. of Unsound Meat Surrendered.

	No. of Animals Killed and Inspected	Whole Carcases.		Part Carcases.		Offal.		Total.	
		T.B.	Other Causes	T.B	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes	T.B.	Other Causes
Cows ... ..	1413	43349	6565	2477	1228	11907	7142	57733	11
Other Cattle	1580	5551	—	937	140	6517	3559	13005	
Sheep ... ..	10687	—	1023	—	60	—	2803	—	
Pigs ... ..	315	95	722	—	215	171	510	266	
Calves ... ..	1717	287	1200	—	38	10	134	297	
<b>Totals ... ..</b>	<b>15712</b>	<b>49282</b>	<b>9510</b>	<b>3414</b>	<b>1681</b>	<b>18605</b>	<b>14148</b>	<b>71301</b>	<b>2</b>

The total weight condemned therefore was 43 tons 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

The total weight of other foodstuffs condemned was 3 tons 2 cwts. 3 qrs. 2½ lbs.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

The following proceedings arose out of action taken during the year :—

Acts, Orders or Regulations under which proceedings were taken.	Remarks.	Result.	Fines.
Food & Drugs Act, 1938 (Sec. 3).	Retailing milk containing 11.7% added water.	Conviction.	£5 and costs.
Food & Drugs Act, 1938 (Sec. 3)	Retailing milk containing 15.4% added water.	Conviction.	£5 and costs.
Housing Act, 1936 (Sec. 59)	Overcrowding.	Ejectment order operative within 21 days granted by Magistrates	—
Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 (Article 8).	Failure to notify Meat Inspector of intention to slaughter 2 pigs intended for human consumption.	Conviction.	£10
Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 (Article 9).	Failure to notify Meat Inspector of abnormalities in carcasses of meat intended for sale for human consumption.	Conviction.	£5
Public Health (Meat) Regulations 1924 (Article 10).	Removal of certain organs from premises used as slaughterhouse, before opportunity had been given to Meat Inspector to inspect same.	Conviction.	£5
Food & Drugs Act, 1938 (Sec. 57).	Use as a slaughterhouse of cowshed not licensed for such purposes.	Case withdrawn.	—
Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924 (Article 21 (2) (b)).	Mishandling of meat intended for human consumption, thereby degrading same and causing waste of food.	Conviction.	£10
Waste of Food Order (Defence Regulations).	Seizure of food unfit for human consumption.	Case dismissed.	—
Food & Drugs Act, 1938 (Sec. 9).	Failure to notify cow suffering from Tuberculosis.	Conviction.	£2 and costs.





## MILK SUPPLY.

**Production.** In the Borough are 259 cowkeepers at 264 milk farms housing approximately 3,621 cows in a total of 405 cowsheds. 52 of these farms are licensed by the West Riding County Council to produce "Accredited" milk and 13 to produce "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

**Purveying.** There are 225 wholesale traders (114 of these also retailing) and 182 retailing only (the latter including 140 shops registered for the sale of bottled milk). One shop-keeper is licensed to sell "Tuberculin Tested (Certified)" milk, produced and bottled in the Skipton Rural District. One supplementary licence to sell "Tuberculin Tested" (Certified) Bottled Milk, produced and bottled in the district, was granted to a retail trader during the year. One licence to pasteurise bulk milk was extended for the year, and the holder of this licence retails pasteurised milk at 21 shops in the district.

558 visits to cowsheds and 308 visits to dairy premises were made.

## MILK SAMPLING.

### (a) To ascertain Cleanliness.

No. obtained and sent to County Laboratory for Examination.	Grade of Milk.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory
44	Tuberculin Tested	41	3
219	Accredited	192	27
56	Pasteurised	43	13
155	Ordinary	124	31
<hr/> Total 474		<hr/> 400	<hr/> 74

or 84.39%\* or 15.61%†

\*Comprises 390 produced in Keighley and 10 elsewhere.

†Comprises 72 produced in Keighley and 2 elsewhere.

### (b) For Presence of Tubercle Bacillus.

Of the above samples 61 were examined by the County Laboratory for presence of T.B.: none were notified as tuberculous.

## REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

245 premises are registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for either the manufacture, storage, or sale of ice cream or the preparation or manufacture of sausage, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food.

3 transfers of occupiers were made.

Applications for the registration of 9 unsatisfactory premises are still in abeyance until the premises are made to comply with the provisions of the Act. Extensive alterations in these cases are not practicable until building materials are available.

4 premises are registered under Section 34 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, for wholesale dealing in margarine and margarine-cheese.

1 shop is registered for the sale and storage of artificial cream under Section 28 of the Act.

## OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number in Borough, 13, comprising 5 Tanners and Leather Dressers, 1 Tripe Boiler, 1 Bone Boiler and Fat Refiner, 2 Tripe Boilers and Gut Scrapers, 1 Fat Refiner and 3 Rag and Bone Dealers. The 59 Fish Friers, whose trade at the moment is not regarded as offensive, are now all registered under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Number of Inspections made—105.

## REPRESSION OF VERMIN.

### Rodent Control under Direction of Ministry of Food.

The following tables give the administrative and operative action taken under the above direction.

One whole-time Rat Catcher is employed for this work.

#### Administrative Work.

(1) No. of visits to groups of premises	...	...	...	624
(2) No. of Informal Notices served re alleged infestation or obstruction	...	...	...	19
(3) No. of Contracts signed	...	...	...	17
(4) No. of Contracts rescinded	...	...	...	0
(5) No. of Formal Notices served re Rat Destruction or Rat Proofing	...	...	...	5
(6) No. of Formal Notices complied with by Local Authority in default	...	...	...	5

#### Work of Rat Catcher.

##### (a) Private Premises.

(1) No. of Premises treated	...	...	...	89
(2) Weight of Pre-baits	...	...	309 lbs. 13 ozs.	
(3) Weight of Poison Baits (following (2))	...	...	52 lbs. 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.	
(4) Weight of Post Baits	...	...	60 lbs. 12 ozs.	
(5) Weight of Poison Baits (following (4))	...	...	5 lbs. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs.	
(6) No. of Rats destroyed	...	...	...	1,350

**(b) Corporation Sewers.**

(1) No. of Manholes in Areas Treated	...	...	...	376
(2) No. of these Manholes Baited	...	...	...	332
(3) No. of Manholes where Pre-bait taken	...	...	...	94
(4) No. of Manholes where Poison Bait taken	...	...	...	100
Estimated No. of Rats Destroyed	...	...	...	1,036

**Verminous Houses and Household Effects.**

The facilities for disinfestation prior to removal to Corporation houses, as described in the 1938 Report, are still available.

197 inspections were made of 100 alleged verminous premises, following which liquid and gaseous vermicide treatment has been carried out in 26 instances by a private contractor.

In addition to this formal action, other informal action in the form of advice has resulted in numerous other premises being treated by owners and occupiers to repress vermin.

**DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS AND ORDERS.**

The Chief Sanitary Inspector is the Council's Inspector under these Acts and senior officers of the Police act as officers of Local Authority for the purpose of granting licences and other administrative duties. A summary of action taken by all officers, including the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, is as follows.

**Anthrax Order, 1938.**

In 1945 there were 3 suspected cases, none of which was confirmed.

**Tuberculosis Order, 1938.**

58 Form "A" Notices were served. Of these 2 were withdrawn and 56 animals were slaughtered.

**Swine Fever Order, 1938.**

There were 8 suspected cases, none of which was confirmed by the Ministry.



### **Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1922.**

3 Form "A" Licences were issued affecting the movement of 53 fat pigs for slaughter.

### **Sheep Scab Order, 1938.**

There was one confirmed outbreak. The prescribed notices were served in connection therewith. Action under the Sheep Scab Order, 1938, has resulted in double dipping of contact sheep at various premises in the Borough—a total of 174 sheep being so dipped.

### **Foot and Mouth Disease Order, 1938.**

No action found necessary.

### **RAG FLOCKS ACT, 1911 to 1928.**

### **FABRICS (MISDESCRIPTION) ACT, 1913.**

No action found necessary.

### **SHOPS ACT, 1934.**

No action necessary.



## G.—CLEANSING

### Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The following table gives the classified loads from each district during the year.

District	House Refuse		Trade Refuse		Night Soil No. of Pails	Abat- toir Refuse	Mis- cella- neous
	Team	Motor	Team	Motor			
Keighley Old Boro'	463	4073	1	275	8098	169	526
Riddlesden & Morton	—	427	—	52	857	—	—
Oxenhope	554	—	—	—	3562	—	7
Haworth	—	482	—	52	1292	—	—
Newsholme	—	1	—	—	2062	—	—
Oakworth—Contract	676	156	—	—	1388	—	—
Stanbury	—	52	—	—	6827	—	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1693</b>	<b>5191</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>24086</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>533</b>

The Cleansing Department is responsible only for the Collection and Disposal of Household Refuse and Salvage, Street and Gully Cleansing, Snow Removal and Street Gritting being under the supervision of the Borough Engineer.

The work has been carried out in a satisfactory manner despite the ever-increasing demand for labour, and the very urgent appeal for the collection of Salvage, although at times collections have been very much overdue, causing minor complaints to be received. The reason for the delayed collections was mainly due to depleted staff on account of sickness.

The disposal of refuse is on the controlled system of Tipping. There are Six Tips throughout the district : Marley 1 (Main Tip); Oakworth 2 (Bogthorn and Cemetery); Oxenhope 1; Stanbury 1 and Oldfield 1. The tenancy of the Oldfield Tip was terminated in May, 1945.

The whole of the work is carried out by direct labour except Oakworth, which is done by Contract, but a special weekly collection of Salvage is made by our own wagons, which seems to be a most satisfactory method.

**Salvage.**

The following table gives the figures for the year under review in the Salvage section.

	T.	C.	Q.	£	s.	d.
Scrap Iron ... ..	12	10	0	25	0	0
Baled Scrap ... ..	29	8	2	44	2	9
Scrap Rubber ... ..	2	8	3	6	1	10
Waste Paper ... ..	290	0	1	1859	18	1
Kitchen Waste ... ..	355	9	1	636	4	2
Non-Ferrous Metals ... ..	0	15	3	14	9	10
Textiles ... ..	4	2	4	54	15	6
Bottles and Jars ... ..	1	15	0	8	13	10
Bones ... ..	9	3	2	47	6	2
Gramophone Records ...		1	3		17	6
Total ...	705	15	3	£2697	9	8

Approximately 95 tons of Metals have been sold by other Departments, which realised £588, bringing the total Salvage to £3,285.

**Kitchen Waste.**

423 Bins are placed out throughout the Borough, and on reference to the foregoing figures it will be admitted that householders are making good use of them.

Thanks are due to the staff for the energetic way in which they have carried out their duties.

**TOTALS AT MARCH 31st, 1946.**

Gross Expenditure—£14,881.

Gross Income—£5,783.

Net Expenditure—£9,078.

Net cost per 1,000 Population—£162 2s. 1d.

Net cost per head of Population per annum—3s. 3d.

Net cost per head of Population per week—0.75d.

Amount paid in Wages and Salaries (including Superannuation and Insurance)—£9,261 6s. 11d.

Average number of Workmen per week (excluding Contracts)—40.

Total number of Motor Vehicles—14.

Total number of Horses kept (excluding Contracts)—2.

Number of Contracts (Oakworth)—1.

Loads of Material dealt with (all kinds)—8,005.

Number of Nightsoil tubs emptied—23,946.

Average number of loads collected per day (300 days)—27.

Weight of Refuse collected (estimated 25 cwt. per load)—  
10,006 tons.

Weight of Refuse collected per day (300 days)—33 tons.

Weight of Refuse per 1,000 of Population per year—178½ tons.

Weight of Refuse per head of population per year—3½ cwt.

Total number of loads tipped:—

House Refuse (Motors), Marley Tip	...	5629
House Refuse (Team), Marley Tip	...	480
House Refuse (Team), Oakworth Tips	...	697
House Refuse (Team), Oxenhope Tip	...	557
(Private Firms, Marley Tip	... ..	3402
Cash Tipping, Marley Tip	... ..	362
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Gross Expenditure includes 1 new Horse, £115. 1 Ex-Army Wagon £215, and 1 new "Karrier" Wagon £571.





